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HB5114 AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS
OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHE REDUCAITON IN THE STATE

Senator Haskell, Representative Haddad, and distinguished members of the committee,

My name is Kari Swanson, I'm a librarian at the Hilton C. Buley Library at SCSU. I'm here to speak in favor of legislation that will enhance the credibility, accountability, and transparency of the CSCU system

In particular I think it is critically important that members of our governing body receive training to give them appropriate information and understanding of our students, programs, services, and priorities. The regents are responsible for setting tuition, approving programs, and prioritizing other resource allocation, and this training will increase credibility of the board.

In my work as a collection development and acquisitions librarian I must take into consideration the mission of my institution, the curriculum, the learning needs of our students and the research and teaching needs of our faculty when making recommendations and decisions about our collections and services. I believe that it is important for our regents to be equally well-informed when they make decisions that affect our students, and arguably the future of not only our institutions, but our state.

Thank you.